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My dear Friend

Rebecca Moore writes to ask
if we thought a letter from Mrs Ireland,
the Editor of the Manchester Examiner,
recommending you to the good people of
Madame Calmache (an English lady, married
to a Frenchman, residing in Paris,
the writer of several very able letters about
the Revolution of February, which were published
in Mr Ireland's paper) would be acceptable.
We replied that it wd, ~~there it is~~. I don't think
it well to miss any opportunity of the kind,
as we can take what might be the
good results of any accepted letter - so
let us hope that Madame Calmache
may be of use so much use to you.

I find that the Parisian Proprietors
of the Edinburgh Ladies A.S.S. leave it
to the option of contributors to send
their gifts to Boston or Rochester - nearly
all from Belfast will go to Rochester -
the Cork ladies mean to divide their
gifts & to do those from Manchester
so I think it probable that a strong
romantic personal interest connects

many contributors with Douglas he
will be likely to get a large share of
what is sent. I am sorry for this - &
I think it is not to Douglas's credit that
he should have used his influence in
this way for his own benefit and to
the damage of the main insti-
tutionality of ~~the~~ a cause, which has done
so much for him. The fact is that in
these countries there are extremely few
who understand the American Anti
Slavery cause, or appreciate its importance,
apart from its romantic & personal
interest. I can't help feeling a little
bored with the folly, & ignorance that
are consequently evinced. - But as there
is no one in looking any trumpery I may as
well keep it.

Pretty soon after my return from
Liverpool I sent Miss Martineau some
the Diagram of the Steamship which you
heard me promise her - and a present
of a book upon Ireland that I knew
she would like & that it was desirable
she should have. I also made some
allusion to the matter she spoke of to

you and declared my entire innocence of
any intention or respect to her in any
thing I had written about her. She thanked
me very cordially for the book (in reply)
and dilated on the merits and on her
ambleside lectures - ~~as to~~ I thought I was
getting off with flying colors - But no such
thing - for although she said she would be
glad if I would call if I again visited
Ambleside, she expressed a degree of
sorrow about my remarks in the
Standard, which I don't think my words
warranted, & which I am certain she
never had the remotest notion they could
occasion. She said however that she
regretted it more as someone's "want of
judgment" in me than on her own
account. She thought I had too much
goodness of heart to mean to say any
thing so disagreeable. I have never
been so mortified by any letter I ever got
partly that I should have impressed
so unfavorably on I honor so highly
& partly that I should have in some
degree implicated you by providing you
with such an unfit & troubling com-
panion to Ambleside. I would ~~to~~ as
soon have put my finger in the fire as
enter her house if I had in any degree
suspected what I have ~~known~~ - so I hope you

will excuse me. It was great comfort to hear
your sister Caroline say that Miss Martineau
had no right to be so very particular if she
looked to her own remarks upon others.

Maush & I are reading his Eastern Travels.
It is a delightful and ~~very~~ ^{excellent} ~~admirable~~
book - full of imagination & ~~characteristics~~ ^{excellence}
hereby. She is a wonderful woman richly

endowed with intellectual & moral gifts &
graces. She seems to me to soar so high as to
be somewhat unable to allow for the vast
difference between herself and the majority
of others of her fellow creatures. I think she
is very separate from the consciousness of her
own superiority. Nevertheless, though I have

been made to smile for it, I am glad I have
seen her - and I think that from henceforth
I look later just say before I enter upon
the presence of great time or likeness.

Taking your advice literally, I am preparing
to send a large number of the sea weed
ornaments to the Fair - if they sell as well as
you say, I shall be greatly puffed up.

If you should have time I would be much
obliged by a letter from Paris to say how you
"get along" & how you enjoy yourselves. Maybe
your sister Caroline would gratify me in this
way if you have not been time - it would be
so pleasant to have her autograph.

With hearty good wishes to you all
I remain your most truly

Rich D Webb